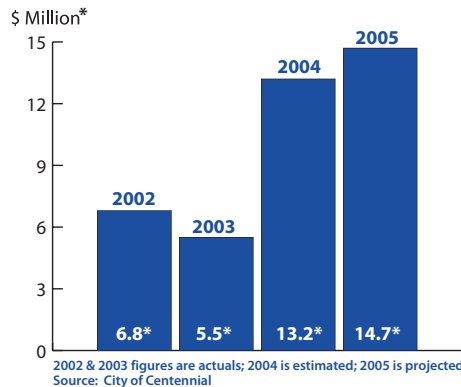




Public Works launches ambitious work plan

This month you'll begin to see Public Works road crews, along with privately contracted companies, replacing broken concrete and laying down new asphalt on neighborhood streets around the city. It's the seasonal start of an aggressive schedule of road repair in Centennial. But road repair is only part of what the Public Works Department (PWD) has on tap in its 2005 work plan. You might be surprised at how many different activities the PWD is involved in.

The city has budgeted a total of \$14.7 million for Public Works in 2005, up from \$13.2 million in 2004. These numbers are increased dramatically from the belt-tightening



years of 2002 and 2003 when PWD expenditures were \$6.8 million and \$5.5 million, respectively. Public Works accounts for approximately a third of Centennial's overall budget. The City is committed to an ambitious schedule to catch up on road work that was deferred during the first three years of its existence.

All finalized PWD work schedules will be posted to the city's website, including all sections of road slated for repair, at www.centennialcolorado.com/publicworks.

Road repair and maintenance

More than \$6 million will be used for concrete and asphalt maintenance and repair. Over the past year, PWD surveyed the condition of all roads in Centennial, and has been busy finalizing streets scheduled for repair and refurbishing in 2005 on a priority basis. About 70,000 tons of asphalt will be

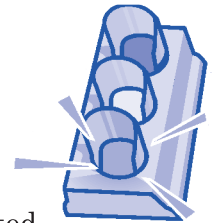
used to refurbish a long list of roadway segments, along with repair of adjacent concrete curbing. Public Works will be contracting out much of this work to private road crews. Along with the major work, ongoing maintenance tasks include sealing roadway cracks, pothole repair, and replacing broken curbs, curb cuts and sidewalks.

Traffic control

Traffic signals will be installed in 2005 at about a half dozen intersections that have been determined to need signals.

PWD will study about a dozen more to see if signals are warranted.

Nearly a million feet of roadway striping is scheduled for April, May and June. An estimated 2,600 traffic signs in the City will need replacement or repair and 200 new signs will be erected, which include new entry signs at the City's borders. School zone markings will be painted on the pavement at all 24 elementary schools in Centennial, and reflective crosswalks will be laid down at many intersections around town.



Capital Improvements

The City continues to earmark funds for a large number of capital improvement projects. Many of these involve major construction scheduled years ahead of time, with funds put aside in yearly increments. Some involve matching funds from other jurisdictions. 2005 will see a lot of work.

- ◆ Intersection improvements scheduled along Arapahoe Rd. from Waco to Himalaya
- ◆ Design phase for reconstruction of Arapahoe Rd. from Colorado to Holly (scheduled for 2006), along with sidewalk construction along the south side of Arapahoe

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Building Permits, Licensed Contractors

You need a building permit!

When preparing for a construction project around your home, don't neglect your required building permits. You could incur liability in the event of a fire or accident related to the work. You could incur penalties and in some cases, your insurance could be invalidated.

The Centennial Building Department will check your plans, perform inspections promptly, and keep records on your project. Building personnel will make sure that projects are constructed to minimum standards intended to safeguard life, health, property value, and public welfare.

Permits are required for:

- ✓ a new building or building addition, including deck, patio, garage, carport
- ✓ installation of hot tub, spa, or pool of more than 5,000 gallons or 24 inches in depth
- ✓ basement finish
- ✓ window replacement
- ✓ addition, removal, or movement of exterior or interior walls, or installation of new drywall
- ✓ any changes to water, drain, or gas lines
- ✓ furnace, water heater, or air conditioner addition or replacement
- ✓ additions to electrical wiring
- ✓ re-roofing
- ✓ installation of lawn sprinkler system
- ✓ adding or replacing siding, stucco, brick, etc.
- ✓ demolition
- ✓ installing or replacing gas logs, fireplace or wood burning stove
- ✓ fence installation



Permits are not required for:

- ✓ replacing flooring or carpet
- ✓ interior and exterior painting
- ✓ direct replacement of cabinets, countertops, toilets, sinks, faucets
- ✓ gutters and downspouts
- ✓ storage sheds smaller than 200 sq. ft. (however, a site plan approved by the Zoning Office is required for sheds larger than 120 sq. ft.)

You also need a licensed contractor!

Centennial requires all contractors and sub-contractors performing work in the city to obtain the proper City license. Hiring a contractor with a City-issued license can help give you, the homeowner, a number of protections. To obtain a license, contractors must provide:

- proof that they hold all licenses required by the State of Colorado;
- proof that they hold the required general liability and worker's compensation insurance, which covers mishaps or injuries that may occur on your property; (This can protect you, the homeowner, from potentially devastating claims against you and your insurance company.)
- some evidence that they have a minimum level of knowledge of City building codes, as determined through testing, work experience and references.
- current contact information, which is kept on file at the City offices.

Make sure the contractors you hire hold a City of Centennial license. Find out by contacting Kevin Ritter, Centennial Licensing Office, at 303-754-3306 or kritter@centennialcolorado.com.

Project Lifesaver

The recently-opened Centennial Wal-Mart Supercenter has contributed \$1,500 to Project Lifesaver, a project of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office. The generous contribution will be used to pay for life-saving transmitter bracelets for members of the community who suffer from disorders that may cause them to wander from their homes.

Across the U.S., some 4.5 million people (60,000 in Colorado) suffer from Alzheimer's, Down's Syndrome, Autism and other disorders. Of these, nearly 60 percent (36,000 in Colorado) will wander away from their homes or caregivers. Locating wanderers quickly can mean the difference between life and death.

Project Lifesaver uses a radio frequency on a bracelet transmitter worn by the wanderer to help the sheriff's

office find them quickly, day or night, in any weather conditions. Traditional searches for missing persons can take days or weeks and require significant resources. With a Project Lifesaver bracelet, a missing person can be found in minutes. The program has already resulted in several quick rescues.

For more information on Project Lifesaver, contact the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office at 720-874-4165.

Toxic Household Trash Pickup

Many of us have cans of old paint, jars of old motor oil, spent aerosol cans, cleaners or maybe an old car battery we'd like to dispose of, but we know we shouldn't send them out with the trash to the landfill.

How do you get rid of this stuff?

The City of Centennial participates with Arapahoe County in funding a household hazardous waste curbside pick-up service for residents. Centennial residents pay only a \$20 co-payment to get rid of as many things as will fit into a big plastic trash bag supplied by the pick-up company.

There are some things this service will not take, such as ammunition, old computers or medical waste.

Acceptable waste includes:

- adhesives
- aerosols
- art/hobby supplies
- automotive products
- batteries
- cleaners/waxes
- flammables
- fluorescent tubes
- lubricants
- paint
- poisons/insecticides



When you call, Curbside Inc. will supply you with a bag to collect the waste in and an instruction sheet. Simply fill the bag, seal it, and put it outside by your garage for collection.



Don't have enough to fill a bag? Collaborate with a neighbor and split the \$20 cost.

If you have items to dispose of that Curbside Inc. doesn't handle, like an old computer or tires or a retired refrigerator, following are additional recycling resources that can help you:

- Colorado Recycles: www.colorado-recycles.org
- Tri-County Health: www.tchd.org/pdfs/household_hazardous_waste.pdf
- Earth 911: www.earth911.org
- The Internet Consumer Recycling Guide: www.obviously.com/recycle
- Oxford Recycling: www.oxfordrecycling.com

To request a pickup or get more information, call 1-800-449-7587 or visit www.curbsideinc.com, and click Residential Customers, then Arapahoe County. You can also download a curbside pick-up brochure.



No Dumping in Centennial

In an effort to keep neighborhoods and vacant lots from becoming unsightly, City Council approved a "no dumping" ordinance, effective February 27, 2005. It is illegal to authorize, allow or store an accumulation of junk or trash on private property in the city. There are a number of exceptions allowed, including property used for agricultural purposes, construction zones, materials necessary for lawful business activity, and stacked wood for a fireplace.

For more exact definitions, consult the ordinance, available at <http://www.centennialcolorado.com/docs/cityGovernment/ordinances/2004-O-26.pdf>, or request a copy from Deputy City Clerk Brenda Castle, at 303-754-3302.

Upcoming Ward/Town Meetings

Ward II meetings:

Sunday, April 24, 3 p.m., Koelbel Library

Sunday, May 22, 3 p.m., Koelbel Library

Mayor's town meeting:

Thursday, May 12, 6-8 p.m., Council Chamber



Centennial's 5th Birthday

This September marks the 5th anniversary of the initial vote to incorporate our city. Everyone at the City of Centennial offices would like to encourage neighborhoods and businesses to commemorate the anniversary. Please let us know about any plans you make for 5th anniversary block parties, picnics, store sales, or other activities.

2005 Meeting Schedules for Council, Boards

Centennial City Council regular meetings take place on the first and third Monday of each month, starting at 7 p.m. Council study sessions are held on the first three Mondays of the month at 6 p.m. Holidays that fall on Mondays result in rescheduling that week's Council meeting to Wednesday evening.

Agenda materials for Council meetings are available in the City Offices, 12503 E. Euclid Dr., Ste. 200, Centennial, and are posted on the city's website on the Friday before a scheduled meeting, at www.centennialcolorado.com/cityGovernment/agenda.asp.

Meeting schedules for committees, boards and commissions are as follows:

- **Planning and Zoning Commission:** 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., Council Chamber.
- **Board of Adjustment:** 3rd Thursday of the month (as needed), 1 p.m., Council Chamber.
- **Board of Review:** 1st Tuesday of the month (as needed), 4:30 p.m., Council Chamber.
- **Liquor Licensing Authority:** 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., Council Chamber.
- **Youth Commission:** 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., Council Chamber.
- **Engineering & Infrastructure Committee:** 3rd Tuesday of the month, 6:30 p.m., Front Conference Room
- **Land Use Committee:** 1st Tuesday of the month, 5:30 p.m., Suite 230 Conference Room.

Additionally, Municipal Court meets on Mondays at 1 p.m., Tuesdays at 6 p.m., and the 3rd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 1 p.m., in the Council Chamber.

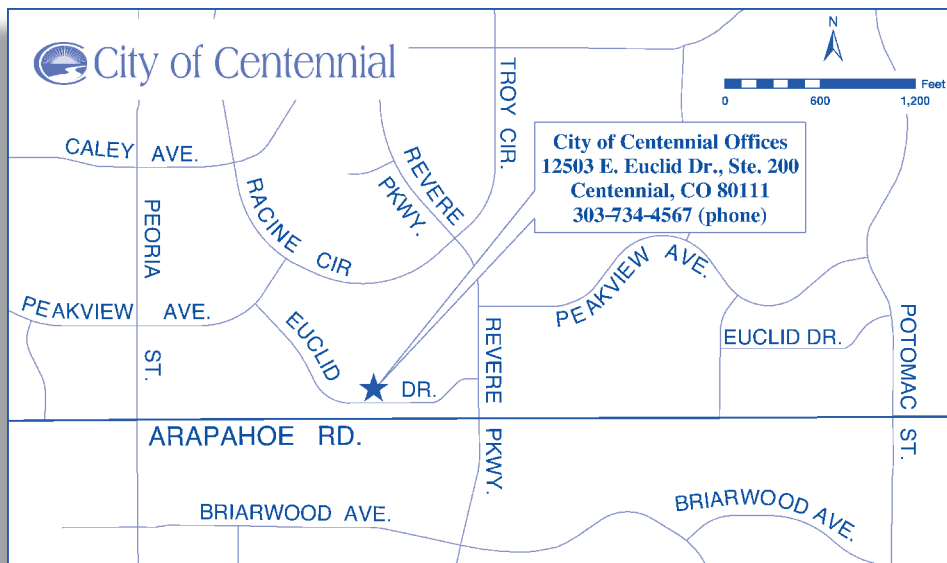
All meetings are posted outside of the City Offices, at 12503 E. Euclid Dr., Ste. 200, Centennial, and are also posted on the City's website at www.centennialcolorado.com/calendar/.



Pye & Coffee

Mayor Randy Pye holds twice monthly open-door office hours so citizens can drop in and chat informally. Have an opinion about a Centennial policy? Have a brilliant idea for the City and want to bend the mayor's ear? Want to know what the mayor thinks about a current or upcoming issue? Drop by anytime from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on the 1st Tuesday or 3rd Thursday of the month. Upcoming Pye & Coffee dates:

**April 21, May 3,
May 19, June 7, June 16.**



New Centennial signs!

Keep an eye out for them as you drive along I-25, C-470 and E-470. You'll see them near Centennial exits on these highways.

We get letters, phone calls and e-mails

by Gail Carissimi, Citizen Liaison

Centennial's residents have a strong sense of community and as such, have definite ideas about what constitutes a high quality of life. At Centennial's Citizen Liaison Office we try to address citizen complaints, questions and comments. Citizens expressed a variety of concerns in 2004.



On top of the list of concerns were public works-related items. Of the comments and concerns received by residents, 33 percent focused on potholes, weeds, concrete repair, snow removal, drainage and rubbish in rights-of-way.

Code enforcement issues logged a distant second place, at 16 percent of the total. Inoperable vehicles were highest on the list, followed by weeds, home (business) occupation issues, abandoned or unkempt property and graffiti, to name a few.

The "miscellaneous" category represented 15 percent of citizen concerns and included such topics as chamber of commerce or relocation to Centennial information requests, recycling questions, the new Arapahoe Parks & Recreation District's Trails Recreation Center, proposed wine tastings at liquor stores and requests for the City to follow-up with U.S. Postal Service officials about Centennial zip codes and mailing addresses for all citizens and businesses.

Other questions and concerns were registered about homeowner association (HOA) issues (6 percent), Sheriff's Office operations including traffic enforcement (6 percent), land use services including development and zoning (4 percent), animal control (4 percent), municipal court (3 percent), comments on City policies (3 percent), building permit issues (2 percent), sales tax questions (2 percent), special districts (less than 1 percent) and noise complaints (less than 1 percent).

The Citizen Liaison Office welcomes calls from citizens with concerns. Contact Gail Carissimi at 303-754-3323 with questions, comments or concerns. Of course, kudos are welcome also!



Charles A. Montoya

has been appointed Centennial Director of Finance. Mr. Montoya will oversee the city's fiscal affairs, including

budgeting and accounting, revenue and expenditure analysis and forecasting, long-range planning, and financial reporting. Previously, he was Jefferson County's Chief Financial Officer.

Celebrate Bike to Work Day June 22!

The City of Centennial is sponsoring a breakfast station and there will be at least three other breakfast stations in Centennial.

Stop by and join the fun!

To find out more, go to

www.drcog.org

or call 303-458-POOL.



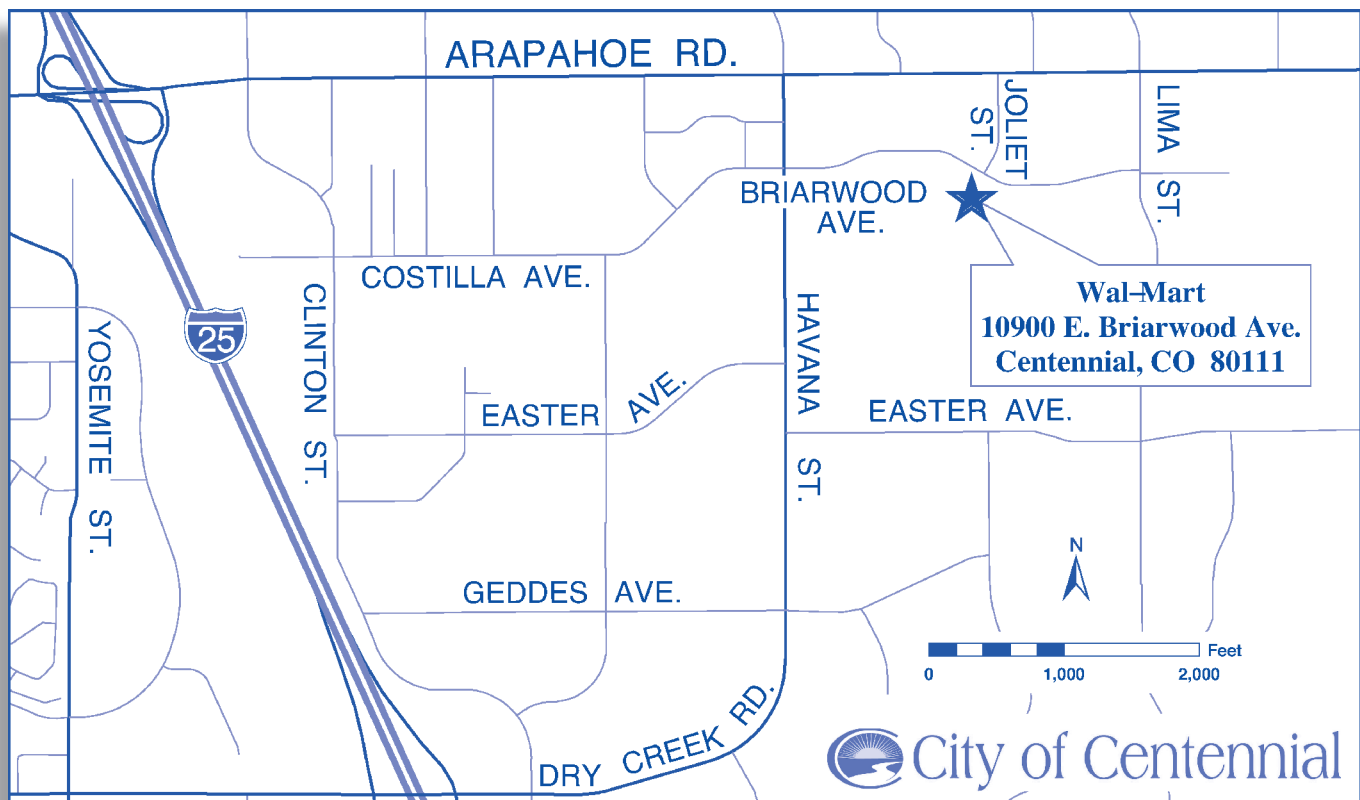
New shopping in Centennial ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■ ■



The **Yosemite Park Shopping Center** is open, on the northeast corner of Yosemite and County Line Rd. Several stores are open, including Jo-Ann Fabrics, Peaberry Coffee, Good Feet, Vitamin Shoppe, Mad Greens restaurant and Creative Leather furniture store. Additional stores are expected soon.

The new 24-hour **Wal-Mart Supercenter** is open, at 10900 E. Briarwood. That's a block south of Arapahoe Rd. between Havana and Lima. It includes groceries, garden center, tire and lube, nail and hair salons, a vision center, a McDonald's, a 24-hour pharmacy, and even a chiropractic center.

Interested in knowing about land use applications (or a particular proposed development) in Centennial? You can find summaries, hearing dates and contact information on the City's website, at www.centennialcolorado.com/landUse/applications.asp.



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Comments and questions: Nancy Reubert, 303-754-3327.

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- ◆ Arapahoe Rd. corridor study, which will look at balancing east-west mobility with economic development needs in the section between I-25 and Parker Rd.
- ◆ Parker Rd. corridor study, which will look at long-term transportation needs between Hampden and C-470
- ◆ Design of a bridge maintenance program, along with repairs to several bridges
- ◆ The City's matching funds for the T-REX project
- ◆ Design phase for widening County Line Rd. between Colorado and University
- ◆ Extending Peakview to connect to Havana from the west
- ◆ Completion of the Easter Ave. extension from Lima to Peoria (traffic signal at Lima and Easter)
- ◆ In-fill street lighting and sidewalks

Stormwater management

This project involves many responsibilities regarding repair and maintenance of existing drainage structures; planning and building new ones; and programs to comply with federal requirements regarding what is allowed to drain into the stormwater system.



On the planning side of things, PWD has facilitated a working group composed of city, county and special district representatives with the objective of improving the funding and management of the stormwater system on a more regional basis. This is a long-term project.

The City has a myriad of drainage projects on its plate, including a number of urgent items. A large number of projects are either currently underway or will begin in 2005, including:

- ◆ Redesign and replacement of an aging creek culvert that flows under Arapahoe Rd. a quarter mile west of Quebec;
- ◆ Completion of an emergency access route for the Piney Creek Ranches neighborhood where E. Caley Dr., the main access road, floods during rainstorms. Also, the design phase of a more permanent solution to the problem, which will place a box culvert under E. Caley Dr. in a future year;

- ◆ Completion of the Cherry Crest storm sewer, which will solve the problem of flooding on University Blvd. and S. Elizabeth Way during heavy rainstorms;
- ◆ Design phase for major drainage improvements to curb longstanding flooding problems in the Southwood Village and Greenwood Manor subdivisions; and
- ◆ Replacement of an aging storm culvert off Arapahoe Rd. by Castlewood Library that affects neighboring properties during heavy rains.

From animals to weeds

Public Works has a number of other responsibilities under its umbrella. Animal Control licenses dogs and takes complaints about animals. It also monitors and controls mosquito breeding sites. Street sweeping, which takes place spring and fall, sweeps every street twice for an average of 9,000 miles each year. Crews cut, spray or pull weeds along sidewalks, medians and street shoulders, plus clean trash from rights-of-way. In the winter you'll see snow plowed from arterials as well as emergency and school routes.

Citizen requests

In 2004, PWD took some 800 citizen requests regarding remedial road maintenance and other needs. These included things like potholes, weed trimming, trash on roadways, broken curbs and sidewalks, street sweeping and damaged road signs. We're reorganizing our system this year to make it work more efficiently for such a large volume of requests. An employee will be dedicated full time to tracking requests and resolutions. ■



JORDAN ROAD PROJECT GETS NATIONAL KUDOS

Congrats to Public Works, which recently received national recognition for the Jordan Road widening project from the American Concrete Pavement Association. Between 2002 and 2004, Jordan Road was widened from two lanes to four between Arapahoe Road and the Douglas County line. The project was named runner up in December 2004 in the Urban Arterials category.

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CENTENNIAL BUSINESSES, SHOW YOUR PRIDE!

Request a free Centennial sticker to display in your office or store. The stickers are 6" by 6", with a blue and yellow Centennial logo in the center and the words, "Centennial Business, Invest Locally." You can pick them up at the City Offices, at 12503 E. Euclid Dr., Suite 200, Centennial, or at the South Metro Chamber, 6840 S. University Blvd., Centennial, or the Aurora Chamber, 562 Sable Blvd., Aurora.



City of Centennial

Centennial citizens make serious dent in local crime

by Grayson Robinson, Sheriff

Through the crime analysis function of the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, it was determined that during 2003 more than 20 percent of all residential burglaries committed in the City of Centennial involved illegal entry through an open garage door.

In an effort to lessen this significant crime of opportunity, the Sheriff's Office developed a plan to enhance the ongoing crime fighting partnership with our community. The Sheriff's Office decided to mail an informative letter to homes that were observed by your deputies to have left an invitation for crime by leaving a garage door open.

The "Drop It-Lock It-Stop It" crime prevention program became a reality on February 17, 2004. Through Drop It-Lock It-Stop It, citizens observed to have left a garage door open receive a letter in the mail from the Sheriff's Office that warns of the potential for victimization. Thirty

percent of all area residential burglaries take place through an open garage door. The letter encourages the community to protect their home and family and eliminate this opportunity for crime by taking the simple steps of **dropping** the garage door and **locking** the garage door, to **stop** crime.

As the result of the crime fighting efforts of the citizens of Centennial, residential burglaries involving open garage doors were reduced by 24 percent during 2004. Thank you for your crime fighting efforts. You make a difference for our community. Please continue to be serious crime fighters.

